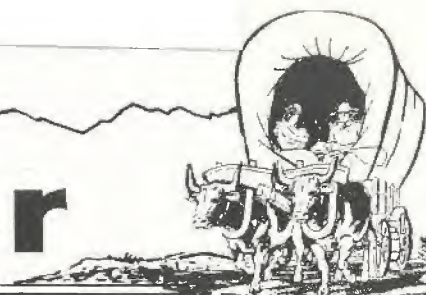


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The Utah Pioneer Village



By Milton V. Backman
(National President Sons of
the Utah Pioneers)

WE ARE TOLD by not only our religious leaders but by many of our political leaders that "All is not well with us." We are all greatly concerned, or if not concerned, we should be concerned with the change of morals which is being thrust upon us, through the TV, the films and books which are rated "best seller."

It appears that this new morality is to be the subject of a TV Special, so we are informed through an article published in the New York Times Service. It is to be titled "The Pursuit of Pleasure." It will be televised by the National Broadcasting Company early next year. We are told that it will explore California's "topless" pizza parlors and hamburger stands and will investigate the activities of the "League for Sexual Freedom at Berkeley." The article further states that there will be visits to nude bathing beaches, narcotics parties, lectures on "Pan-Sensualism" and pornographic book shops.

The article does not make it too clear whether we are to be taken to those nude bathing beaches, narcotics parties, etc. on the screen, or whether these places are to be exposed in an effort to clean them up. My guess is that the authors will go as far as we will let them go.

President Backman's Message

Must We Accept 'New Moral Code?'

What show on TV, and what actor received the TV "Oscar" this year? Non other than Dean Martin who would have our young viewers believe and assume that to become tops in the field one must have a reputation of being a heavy drinker and a heavy smoker. Martin has a cigarette in his mouth or in his hand at all times during his one hour show, and repeatedly comments on the amount of liquor he consumes.

What Manner Awards?

Going to the film industry. Which film won the 1966 crown? None other than "Blow Up" selected by the National Society of Film Critics after it had been condemned and denied the U.S. motion picture industry's two major seals of approval because of its sexual sequences. We are told that a spokesman for the society said the film, the first that Italian Director Michelangelo Antonioni has made in England, won by a large margin on the second ballot in voting.

We are faced with lying and cheating on the part of some of our public officials both locally and nationally nearly every day. What an example to set for our young people!

A Poor Example

Our own government is setting a poor example for our young people in its encouraging waste and spending beyond its income. We are old by one of our most prominent and influential political

leaders, George H. Mahon, representative from Texas, a Democrat who is chairman of the 50-member House Appropriations Committee, the biggest and perhaps the most powerful committee in Congress:

That more and more new programs are giving the U. S. too much government.

That the U. S. is spending beyond its means, taking on more than it can handle, and new high cost programs may be only the beginning.

Putting a stop to all this is up to the people. A public demand for a slowdown is urged to put restraint on Congress before it is too late.

Representative Mahon goes on further to say that we are an undisciplined people. Congress is not going to practice restraints unless the message comes through "loud and clear" from the people generally.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

It all seems to be the fulfillment of Nephi's predictions as given to us in II Nephi chapter 28:

"And there shall be many which shall say eat, drink and be merry; nevertheless, fear God—he will justify in committing a little sin; yea, lie a little, take advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this; and do all these things for tomorrow we die; for behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

"And others will pacify and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the Devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell."

If the Sons of Utah Pioneers are to do something about these conditions with which we are faced, we must have a strong organization, and a strong organization means more members.

Bring in your friends, do not deny them the privilege and opportunity of associating with the fine men we already have in our organization.

HOW TO DEAL WITH GOSSIP

*Don't listen to gossip.
But if you do,
Never believe
What you're listening to.
But if you believe it,
In part or whole,
Repeat it not
To a living soul.
But if you repeat it—
If worst comes to worst
And you have to tell somebody,
Tell me first!*

—Suzanne Douglass

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What? Move Village To Ft. Douglas!

THE PROPOSAL to sell Pioneer Village to the State of Utah and move it to the new Fort Douglas Memorial Park, which is to be, is a sound business deal as far as public patronage is concerned. As part of a state park, it would be under the aegis of the State Parks and Publicity Council and would be included on regular tourist tours daily. It could never get that kind of prominence out at 2998 Conner Street.

However, if its patronage the state desires for the Village, it would be better to move the grand old museum to Pioneer Park, about the only green space left down town—now a rendezvous for all the beatniks and bums in town. The park, as it is, must be regarded off-limits to the general public after dark, and thus has lost its value as a public recreation spot.

In Pioneer Park, enclosed by an old frontier-type stockade, the Village could be set up very much like it was on the same site in 1847-1853. The location would be ideal—across the street almost, from the new Salt Palace civic center complex and within a stones throw of Temple Square. Each of these will attract more than a million visitors a year, any given year, that is, after the Salt Palace is completed. Perhaps no city in all the land could boast of such triplex facilities for tourists.

The deal for the transfer of Pioneer Village is apparently in the hopper. Recently members of the State Legislature spent an afternoon at the museum-town, with our chieftain Horace A. Sorensen, its founder and prime SUP benefactor, as guide. Mr. Sorensen was asked to fix a price on the layout as a starting point for negotiations which he did, reportedly around \$500,000.

The SUP would be out of business as far as operating any kind of a business, is concerned, if the sale of Pioneer Village goes through—and that would be bad—or would it? The money from the sale of the museum could be used to build a beautiful, modern art gallery and cultural center, probably in the new Sugar House Park.

Changes are always hard to take, especially when they involve heritages and traditions such as those harbored by the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. In this proposed change, the priceless relics and artifacts are not to be destroyed nor done away with, merely moved to another location where more people can enjoy them. Progress demands many changes and maybe this it all for the best.

Indians On Comeback Trail

INDIANS are no longer thought of as the "vanishing Americans." Throughout the Americas, North America in particular, the Indian people are now making a valuable contribution to their tribes and their country.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has the assignment to help these people. There are other agencies actively engaged in assisting Indians to a more rewarding life through health care, social welfare and secular education. The LDS Church does this too, but the Church's major concern is to open up the spiritual treasures of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This assignment to the Church is made in the Book of Mormon, the record of inhabitants of the American continent from 800 B.C. to 400 A.D. The Book of Mormon is the record of ancestors of the Indians of North and South America.

One big problem the Church faces in teaching the Gospel to the Indian is his tendency to continue to rely on former Indian customs that are tied to a ritual or religious dogma. There is no effort made to create a new race for the Indian. The outward, colorful and exciting dancing and other customs are not discouraged, unless a former religious connotation is apparent. That is, if an Indian wants to wear his hair in a bob on the back of his head, this practice is acceptable. But, if that Indian wears the bob on the back of his head to ward off evil spirits, that custom is not compatible with the Gospel and is discouraged. This approach to Mormonism is the same all over the world. There is no oriental Mormonism, or European Mormonism or Indian Mormonism.

The "vanishing American" stigma was attached to the North American Indian nations because when the first white man appeared in their country there were between one and one-half million and two million Indians living north of the Rio Grande River. By the ends of the 19th century, their numbers had dwindled to 250,000. Their numbers are now over a million in North America.

Indians in years past were given one-half as much education as other Americans. Their incomes were between one-fourth and one-third as large. Their rate of unemployment was between six and seven times the national average in the U.S. And, their rate of infant mortality was nearly twice that of any other racial group in the U.S. This is now all changing. The wealth, education and welfare of the North American Indian people are on a rapid rise.

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Our Readers Write— Pioneer Park Best For Village

SENATE BILL 211 has allocated 110 acres of Fort Douglas land, surplused out by the U.S. government, and returned to the state, as a site for Pioneer Village, now on the Horace Sorensen Estate in Sugar House. The state hopes to secure the village from Mr. Sorensen and the SUP, its operators, and start moving things within the next two years. Mr. Sorensen has said the village is available and has fixed a price.

This move, no doubt, would enable the Pioneer Village to expand; would also put something really important in the proposed memorial park being planned for the now abandoned fort. But is this the best place for this great collection of pioneer relics? Fort Douglas is scarcely more accessible than is Sugar House to the visitor.

The best place, if the village is to be moved at all, is Pioneer Park. In the heart of the downtown business section, almost across the street from the (will be) \$16 million Salt Palace auditorium which is less than a block off Temple Square, there would be then, three tremendous tourist attractions, all close together.

It is doubtful in any other city in America would have such a convenient arrangement of attractions. The Temple Square patronage runs well over 1.5 million a year; the new Salt Palace will be the hub of attraction for many thousands of visitors annually, most all of whom would also take in the village, if it were close by. Patronage for the Pioneer Village would be multiplied by the thousands.

Moreover, Pioneer Park right now is a rendezvous for all the beatniks and bums in town and because of the danger that lurks there, has lost its value as a recreation park. It would be an ideal

site for the Pioneer Village facilities, and surrounded by an old frontier stockade, would be a mecca for thousands daily, instead of the few that now visit it out at Sugar House. Why not do the job up right?

—SUP Dreamer
(name withheld by request)

Joseph J. Larsen Devotee of SUP

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers have lost another of their most devoted and beloved members in the passing of Joseph J. Larsen of Newton. He was Life Member No. 19.

The splendid example set by this wonderful man in all his dealings with his fellowmen and his many years of activity in the SUP, will linger long in the memories of us all.

The grand old drummer for the Mormon Battalion will be missed. He marched like a veteran paying no heed to the heavy drum he carried, always refusing assistance with the instrument, even on the longest of marches. He was a tough and rugged Scandinavian, yet withal a kind, soft-spoken and humble man.

We hope he has kept a record of his many treks with the Sons of the Pioneers. It would make excellent reading and a colorful and fascinating chapter in the life of a sweet character and a true Christian gentleman. Bless his memory, forever.
—H.H.J.

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National officers of the SUP are shown at the head table at the annual Presidents Dinner held at "The Village." Speaking at the microphone is Pres. Milton V. Backman; seated, left to right: Les Goates,

editor of *The Pioneer*, and Mrs. Goates; Mrs. J. Rulon Morgan and Immediate Past President Morgan; Mrs. Backman, Mrs. T. Mack Woolley and Executive Secretary Woolley.

The President's Banquet

Tops For Inspiration and Instruction

Instructions to chapters, the business report, state of the organization, a classical musical performance and a sumptuous feast comprised the highlights of the annual SUP President's Banquet held March 13 at Pioneer Village Auditorium. This was one of the best-attended, informative and thoroughly enjoyable presentations of this event in years.

The chapter presidents, the national board members and their wives were thrilled and delighted that President Milton V. Backman

was able to attend and deliver his message. He had been incapacitated for several weeks recuperating on the coast for eye surgery. The SUP chieftain gave a stirring address on the ideals and aspirations of the organization and pleaded for active recruiting programs among the chapters.

Executive Secretary T. Mack Woolley gave his customary thorough report on the status of the various chapters in registration of members.

Immediate Past President J.

Rulon Morgan was a brief and business-like master of ceremonies moving the program along with neatness and dispatch.

The musical program was rendered by JoAnn Ottley, the amazing soprano soloist with the Tabernacle Choir and the Utah Symphony Orchestra. JoAnn brought down the house with her artistry and charm.

The lovely floral tablepieces were exceeded in beauty only by the charming wives of the national officers and presidents.



Presidents and their wives at the annual Presidents Banquet held at Pioneer Village. The affair was marked by an inspirational address by Pres.

Milton V. Backman, the annual report by Secretary T. Mack Woolley, the business-like "MC-ing" of J. Rulon Morgan and the thrilling singing of JoAnn Ottley, concert soprano.

Where the 'Old West' Is Recaptured

Pioneer Village Opens Gala New Season

Utah Pioneer Village has opened its gates once again for what may well prove its greatest season. Each year the patronage at the picturesque and colorful recreation of a pioneer town increases, especially in the number of visitors from out of the state. The April 1 opening provided evidence that this will be the case during the 1967 season.

Time is turned back a century as the visitors turn his back on the 20th Century and steps into a country town, typical of the settlements in Utah 50 to 100 years ago. The Village the past 20 years has become nationally one of the best known in all the country, including the Knott Berry Farm creation in California.

With the building of the Wanship Dam up Heber Valley way some 20 years ago, the little pioneer village of Rockport was to be inundated. The request went forth for the descendants of the pioneers to preserve some of these old buildings and relics. Mr. Horace A. Sorensen, an alert connoisseur of such items acquired these and moved them onto his estate in southeast Sugar House, and thus the Pioneer Village had its start. Each year new items are added until it has become one of the most unique museum towns in the world.

Some Rare Items

Most impressive among the items moved in the past few years are two old stores acquired complete with counters, fixtures and original stock which had been locked up for almost 20 years. Now, included in the Village is practically every kind of shop and public building found in pioneer days.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen deeded the entire collection and the property on which it is situated to the National Sons of Utah Pioneers. They, with the continued financial and technical assistance of Mr. Sorensen and others are adding to the Village each year.

It is not just a museum, but a

village with activity. Daily the team of oxen, "Ben" and "Lars," take hundreds of school children, tourists and visitors for a ride in a covered wagon. At the end of the ride the oxen kneel down and pray for the riders. They are the only known praying oxen in the world. There is also a small herd of buffalo, and teams of horses which are hitched to a wagon or an old coach on occasions.

Parade Features

Annually on "Pioneer Day," July 24th, a number of wagons, buggies, handcarts or old coaches are entered in the big parade. Several times during the year, usually including Memorial Day and Labor Day, groups of Indians descend on Pioneer Village and perform their dances, demonstrate their crafts, and show their way of life.

The pioneer spirit which built the West is recaptured and preserved here, and a visit to Pioneer Village leaves on with a lasting impression of the westward movement and a deeper appreciation of our great American heritage.

Awards Won By Pioneer Village

- ★ "Award of Merit" from the American Association of State and Local Histories, Washington, D.C., 1954 and 1956.
- ★ Utah State Historical Society "Award," 1960.
- ★ Gun Collection featured in LIFE MAGAZINE, April 13, 1959.
- ★ Member of National Trust for Preservation of Historical Sites, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Life member of American Pioneer Trails & Landmarks Association, New York.

THREE THINGS

Three things have value —
Hold worth supreme:
A body that's strong,
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A brain that is clear,
Which holds truth secure,
And a heart that is pure
A gold is pure!

—Nephi Jensen

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Memories Of Events As Guide At 'The Village'

By James F. Schindler

The Main Building, the Round House, the Gay-Ninties House, and the two wagon sheds were the only structures located at Pioneer Village when I began working there 11 years ago. Today, the Village has grown to total nearly 30 buildings, each of which is authentically furnished and decorated with antiques and artifacts vividly telling the story of a by-gone era of our history.

As I look in retrospect over the past 11 years, I recall the construction of almost every building and with each there lingers a choice memory. But the memories go beyond the buildings themselves and become intertwined in the realm of human experience. I remember the day we moved inventory into the old Co-op store. I had my hands and arms so full of merchandise I could hardly see where I was going. As I approached the entrance to the store, a young woman stopped me. "How deep is the salt up there," she asked.

"What salt? Where?" I asked, and emptied my arms on the step so I could see what she was referring to.

"That salt up there," she repeated, pointing to the Wasatch Mountains.

How Disappointing

"Oh, that's not salt," I replied. "That's snow."

"Snow?" she exclaimed, "Don't those mountains belong to Salt Lake City?"

"Oh, yes," I assured her, "but they are just covered with snow, not salt." As she turned and walked away, I heard her say to herself, "Gee, no more polygamy, no salt on the mountains, what a disappointing city this is."

One of my chief duties while

working at the Village was keeping the windows free from dust, dirt, spots and grubbly little finger prints. One day, while standing on the middle rung of a stepladder on the side of the stone meeting house with my window cleaner in one hand and dust cloth in the other, a middle-aged gentleman in a business suit came rushing toward me. "Where's the head?" he demanded.

"The head?" I repeated, not knowing what he meant.

"Yes, the head," he reiterated. "Certainly a place this size has a head."

"Oh, you must mean Mr. Sorensen," I told him, feeling quite relieved. "You can reach him at South East Furniture Company on Highland Drive." I climbed down the ladder and began giving him directions.

"I don't think you understand," he interrupted. "I want a bathroom."

"Oh, I am sorry," I apologized, realizing my mistake, "the rest rooms are at the front of the museum." And he rushed away.

Real Cowboy Town

Every year thousands of school children swarmed to the Village anxiously waiting to see a "real cowboy town." We never did manage to keep them off of the top of the railroad cars or out of the jail cells (they were always locking each other in), nor was it easy for us to break the bad news. "I am sorry, but this museum does not have a saloon."

The real attraction, however, was the Oxen ride around the Village. Everyone wanted to ride twice and many of them did. I remember one little boy who came to the Village with his father and mother. He had never seen oxen before. "What are those big animals, Mommy," he asked, pointing to Ben and Lars who were hooked up to the wagon outside the Round House.

"They are cows, dear," she replied.

"But where does the milk come



James F. Schindler
... fond memories

from," he questioned, getting down on his hands and knees as if looking for something.

His mother stooped down and proceeded to observe the underside of the huge animal. After what seemed to be a lengthy examination, she looked up at her husband who was standing next to her, petting the animal's neck and said in a lowered tone, "I'm not so sure this is a cow after all."

Well Informed

This is the thing that impresses me most about the people who visit Pioneer Village. They are so well informed. One certainly cannot say they are not qualified to take this little step into history. I remember a little old lady in the Living Memories building who proudly explained to her companions that the bed warmer was a priceless example of an early pop-corn popper. Then there was a young man who insisted that the chain mesh suit on display in the Main Building was really underwear worn by the knights of old under their suits of armor.

To the average individual these experiences are just stories, but to me they represent memories of a past decade in my own history. Pioneer Village has actually two histories — one which was made over 100 years ago and the other which is in the making today. It is in the making for those countless thousands who visit Pioneer Village each year, and it is in the making for the employees who work at Pioneer Village each day.

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Trek Honors Heroic Service Of Mormon Battalion

(Church Information Service)

Impact of the Mormon Battalion in California will be commemorated with a trek, July 1-8, featured by the raising of the Flag of the United States over Fort Moore on July 4 by the Mormon Battalion. The observance will be held at the Fort Moore Monument at the \$80-million Los Angeles Civic Center. The trek by several hundred Utahns, will be directed by Col. Marvin E. Smith, executive officer of the battalion.

The monument was erected by the Sons and Daughters of the Mormon Pioneers of California and memorializes the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes on January 29, 1847, claiming California for the United States.

The trek to California has been given the official okay of the National Board of SUP and the Executive Board of the Mormon Battalion. It was decided that this 120th anniversary of the raising of the flag at Fort Moore, was a proper time to commemorate the event.

Part of the old trail will be followed from San Diego to San



This is a pioneer artist's conception of the Mormon Battalion pulling up at one of the few refreshing streams it crossed on "the longest infantry march in all military history."

Art Courtesy Church Historian's Office.

Francisco and some of the old Spanish Missions will be visited. A re-enactment of the flag raising at Fort Moore Monument will be done with some participation by California officials, it has been announced by Col. Smith.

The Fort Moore story dates back to the organization of the Mormon Battalion on July 16, 1846, at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, when 500 harassed and weary travelers fleeing from persecuting mobs in Missouri and Illinois, were mustered into the Army to fight in the War with Mexico. They became part of General Kearney's Army of the West. The battalion never got into the fighting but its historic trek across Kansas, New Mexico, and Arizona proved the longest march in all infantry history and a colorful contribution to the history of the Southwest.

While the Saints were striving to muster all their manpower and material properties preparatory to their journey to the Valleys of the Rockies, word was brought to headquarters on the Missouri River that a U.S. Army officer with a squad of soldiers had arrived at Mt. Pisgah with a requisition for 500 men to be furnished by the Mormons to enter the Army and march to California to help guard that territory.

The news was met with utter dismay. The nation that had thrust the Mormons from its borders, permitted them to be robbed of their homes and driven ragged and hungry into the wilderness where it was expected they would perish, now calls upon them for

help. And this on the face of the fact that every one of their appeals for protection had been denied.

Five hundred able-bodied men, the flower of the camp, were wanted. And this on the border of Indian country, in the midst of an exodus unparalleled for its dangers and hardships — when every man was needed as a bulwark of strength for the women and children, the sick and aged.

On the other hand, this was their country calling, and these sons and daughters of the pilgrims and the American patriots loved their country, loved its institutions, and its laws, although the government in the hands of self-seeking demagogues and politicians had been a cruel stepmother to them instead of a tender parent.

What was to be done? How would the Mormon leaders respond? They counseled together and prayed about it. Then Brigham Young, their leader spoke:

"Captain Allen, you will get your 500 men, and if we haven't got 500 men, we will make up the quota with women and children!"

The American Flag was brought out and hoisted to the top of a tree mast, and in three days the unit was reported in, mustered and ready to march. Then followed what many historians have termed the greatest infantry march in all military history.

Strangely enough, this supposedly crushing blow to the harassed travelers proved a blessing in disguise. Brigham Young needed the money these civilian-soldiers

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WITH THE MORMON BATTALION

—from mural painting

by Edward T. Grigware

SUP And Battalion Schedule 8-Day Tour

*By Col. Marvin E. Smith
Executive Officer, Mormon
Battalion*

Now is the time for every good SUP or Mormon Battalion member to make reservations for the Anniversary Pilgrimage to California, July 1 to 8.

One of the highlights will be the re-enactment of the flag raising which took place at Ft. Moore, Los Angeles, July 4, 120 years ago. This performance was perhaps the most famous achievement of the original Mormon Battalion since it officially and finally proclaimed the large southwestern part of U.S. as part of the Union.

A pleasant trip is anticipated in air-conditioned buses which will provide a relaxed vacation with the choicest people in the world, and return you home before you have a chance to get worn out. Eight days for \$88, includes transportation, motels and insurance.

We will tour many of the old Spanish missions. We are also looking forward to meeting with our choice brethren of the newly reorganized California SUP Chapter in L.A.

Without going into details, here is the progress route of the 1967 trek which is the official selection of both the SUP and Battalion organizations:

July 1: Leave Salt Lake City for St. George via Pioneer Home at Parowan, Cedar City Iron Mines, Iron Mission Park, and beautiful Cedar Valley.

July 2: St. George to San Diego.

July 3: Monument to MB, Balboa Park, etc. Evening with SUP Chapter in L.A.

July 4: Flag raising at Ft. Moore 9 a.m. Sightseeing and return to Civic Center for giant fireworks display.

July 5: Visit missions and famous places en route to Monterey.

July 6: Bed down in San Francisco.

July 7: Oakland, Sacramento, Jackson, Tragedy Springs (if weather and roads permit), en route to Carson City, Nev., for the night.

July 8: Still traveling over territory which the battalion made a part of United States. We will return to Salt Lake City rested, sat-



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Tentative schedule is to leave Salt Lake City July 1, spend overnight at St. George, go by way of Riverside to San Diego. Visit Old Mission, overnight at San Diego, July 2. July 3 on to Los Angeles for banquet with S. U. P. Chapter, July 4 celebration and Temple, Ft. Moore Memorial Fountain commemorating 120th anniversary raising American flag there by Mormon Battalion July 5 up coast by way of San Luis Obispo, to Monterey, San Jose and San Francisco. July 6, Overnight, then on by way of Oakland Temple and stop over night at Carson City, returns to Salt Lake July 8.

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Battalion Conclave

The annual convention, or "Mormon Battalion Day," will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 249 South 10th East St., Salt Lake City. All SUP members and partners are invited to attend.

The business meeting and elections will be held at 4:30, followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. It is expected that a general Authority (See SUP-Battalion, page 23)



LEGISLATURE LOOKS OVER PIONEER VILLAGE—These members of the Utah State Legislature spent part of a day recently looking over Pioneer Village with the idea of acquiring it for the State of Utah and moving it to the proposed new

park to be designed at Fort Douglas. Horace A. Sorensen, standing second from right, on whose property the park is situated, and founder of the village, indicated the famous museum could be had "for a price" believed to be in the proximity of \$500,000.

Pioneer Village Arouses State Interest

BY HORACE A. SORENSEN

One day during the recent session of the State Legislature, Rep. Frank V. Nelson of Salt Lake City, asked to bring about 40 members out to see Pioneer Village. They arrived in busses and were pleased with what they saw even though the Village didn't open until April 1st.

Members of the Utah Park and Recreation Commission have also visited the Village and were also pleased with what they saw. As a result, the commission has been allocated 55 acres of land declared surplus by the Federal government at Fort Douglas for development of a Pioneer Village near "This is the Place" monument.

Senate Bill 211 as passed by the Senate earmarks 300 acres for a research park and 55 acres for a Pioneer Village development. The measure was sponsored by Frank V. Nelson in the Senate and Ray M. Harding in the House. Mr. Nelson said that no effort is being made

for money at this time because of the state's tight financial situation. However, he said that it is important to reserve the necessary land for the time when funds will be available.

Nothing concrete can be done for two or three years, but the State Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in obtaining the buildings and furnishings at Pioneer Village and moving them to the new location. The advantage of such an arrangement would mean that it would be perpetuated by the state for future generations.

The National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, and the writer their museum director, will ever be willing to talk over an exchange agreement and plans to make this move possible, however it must be fully realized that if this project of our organization is turned over to the state that we must have a new project to take the place of Pioneer Village on the land and adjacent acreage that will be available.

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The Book Rack

Facts And Fiction About The James Brothers

JESSE JAMES WAS HIS NAME, by William A. Settle, Jr., saga of the notorious James Brothers, 263 pages, maps and page drawings, cartoon, bibliography, University of Missouri Press, \$6.00.



Jesse James is The American bandit. He and his brother, Frank, hold what is probably the world's record for open defiance of the law in a civilized country. It was 16 years after the first robbery of which they were later accused until Jesse was killed due to the treachery of a member of his own gang. Frank was not caught; he surrendered.

Around the name of Jesse James, fact and fiction are intermingled. He is bad man and hero, an outlaw Robin Hood, robbing the rich to help the poor. He killed only in defense of his own life.

Author Settle has used considerable of the research of Major John N. Edwards, respected Missouri newspaperman, to project the character of the James brothers. The author shows how the phenomena of the acceptance and growth of this legend involved the play of powerful forces, the animosities of the Civil War and Reconstruction in a unique border state, something of the Granger idea toward railroads and banks and the rivalry between frontier towns.

Prof. Settle trailed the James brothers through the columns of old newspapers and the records of the various county courts. In his search for the facts concerning these men—heroes to some, criminals to others—he has critically examined the contemporary accounts of their activities and has interviewed men and women who

could give eyewitness or close hearsay evidence of them. Employing the techniques of scholarly research, Professor Settle has winnowed the fact from the fiction to produce this study of these most notorious American bandits.

—L.G.

Historical Atlas Covers Wide Field

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTORIAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES, edited by Hilde Heun Kagan. American Heritage Publishing Co. of New York. \$16.50.

Labeled as "an important rarity" this comprehensive compilation is the first thoroughgoing American historical atlas to be published in 34 years.

The 210 multi-colored newly commissioned maps range in scope from the Ice Age to the Nuclear Space Age. In addition there are 150 historical illustrations and maps. An accompanying 60,000-word narrative embraces an unusual variety of data ranging from the ethnic and religious composition of American society to its changing economic characteristics, to the key role of natural resources in our dynamic industrial society, to the broadening of America's horizons overseas.

Every map is accompanied by an explanatory text and whenever possible the editors have interrelated the maps.

Nine narrative chapters cover: (1) Prehistoric North America; (2) Discoverers and Possessors; (3) Struggle for the Continent; (4) Revolution and a New Nation; (5) The National Era; (6) The Nation Divided; (7) Expansion and Immigration; (8) A World Power; and (9) The World—Divided Yet United.

—V.P.

Seldon Heaps Has New Piano Pieces

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Church musical directors who contend that there is no place in a chapel of worship for a piano—that the organ and string instruments only are appropriate, may well change their minds after hearing Seldon N. Heaps' new collection of "Melodious Preludes." These pieces were composed, or arranged, principally for the Primary Association and Sunday Schools and were dedicated to LaVern Parmley general Primary president.

The numbers are varied in style and motif, but all contain a charming devotional spirit and should do much to develop reverence by the children in the house of the Lord.

It is doubtful if any church or community musician has devoted more time to the Church, on a voluntary basis, than has Bishop Heaps. A natural musician who could play the organ beautifully at the age of 12, he has continued his career to lofty heights of artistic achievement.

In addition to his work as a Church musician, Seldon has done the arrangements for several operettas, particularly those by Rodney Hiram. Seldon's charming companion "Bunny," has been a devoted and enthusiastic supporter to her talented husband throughout his illustrious career as well as in Sons of the Utah Pioneers and ward and stake assignments.

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Chapter SUP Eternal

Joseph J. Larsen

NEWTON—Joseph J. Larsen, SUP life member No. 19 died April 2 at his home in Newton following a long illness. He was 93.

He was born Sept. 27, 1873 at Newton, son of Christian and Mary Ann Larsen. He married Lettie Christensen, Oct. 18, 1900 in the Logan Temple. He spent much of his early life in southern Utah towns where his family was called by Brigham Young to help with colonization.

He graduated from Utah State University in 1898, a member of the second graduating class. Mr. Larsen has always been active in the L.D.S. Church, particularly in Sunday School where he served as superintendent. He was a home missionary and a home teacher. For 40 years he was a scoutmaster in Newton, and held the Silver Beaver Award.

Mr. Larsen taught school in Stone, Ida.; Perry and Mantua

and was principal of the Newton Elementary School. He served as president of the town board and secretary of the district irrigation company. He helped plan and construct the reservoir on Newton Dam. He was also director of the Farmers Grain Cooperative Assn. and was a prime pusher in many projects and treks launched by the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He was a drummer in the Mormon Battalion and president of the Golden Anniversary Club, Utah State University.

Survivors: Widow, three sons, Vernon J., Keams Canyon, Ariz.; Dr. O. G., Logan; Grant, Newton; one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Annie) Bartlett, Springville. 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Caroline Larsen, Logan.

Funeral services were held April 5 in the Newton Ward Chapel and burial was in the Newton Cemetery.



Walter Webb
... honored at age 98

Lehi Chapter Honors W. Webb

The Lehi Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers paid tribute to Walter Webb, with a banquet and program in the Lehi First Ward Chapel March 18, the occasion of his 98th birthday. Mr. Webb, pioneer in the Intermountain sugar industry, is one of the very few Lehi men who has ever reached this venerable age.

While well along in years, Walter Webb is still young at heart and very much active and alert to what is going on in the community, the church and the nation.

He was reared in Lehi where the first sugar beets were planted and the first sugar factory built and operated. He was on the ground floor in the development of the industry and became a field superintendent, inspector and factory supervisor as well as business executive.

S. Grant Young — Life Member No. 85

"Sheriff" S. Grant Young receives SUP Life Membership certificate No. 85 from Joel Richards of the Life Membership Committee, at the S.L. Luncheon Club dinner on March 1. Both are scions of original pioneer families, famous in Mormon Church history. Chapter President Lamont Felt lauded Grant for his long and faithful service to SUP and the community.



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Jefferson Hunt Chapter Plans Active Season

HUNTSVILLE, Utah — The long-established and progressive Jefferson Hunt Chapter of the SUP has outlined one of its most active seasons for 1967-68, starting with the annual dinner with wives to be held in Weber Memorial Park, in South Fork Canyon sometime in April. Other events, scheduled for the various months include:

May—Annual car trek, destination to be announced.

June—Annual Hot Cake Supper.

July—Lawn Party, family event and probable trip.

August — Overnight trip with family.

September — Annual encampment of the SUP.

October — Halloween or stag party.

November — Annual dinner party.

December—Christmas Party.



Officers of the Jefferson Hunt Chapter SUP pose before the Jefferson Hunt Memorial in the Huntsville Park. They are: [front—Jay Thompson, chairman horseback ride; Keith G. Smith, second vice president; E. Dale Newey, president; Joseph Harris, chaplain; Clarence Smith, chairman car trips; Wortlon Wood, chairman, refreshments. Rear: Elmer F. Frazier, secretary-treasurer; Wilmer C. Jensen, hostorian. Absent—Arthur Mumford, first vice president.

Trek Honors Heroic Service Of Mormon Battalion

(Continued from Page 8)

would earn which he was assured would be signed over to "the cause." This development, along with the later discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in California, in which members of the Mormon Battalion also participated, proved the financial salvation of the great Mormon Exodus.

Equipment issued to the men at Fort Leavenworth when they were mustered in, and which was to be retained upon discharge in California, included one tent for every six privates, a flintlock musket or caplock yauger rifle and camp accoutrements. They were given \$42 for clothing but most of this money was sent back to Winter Quarters for the assistance of the poor at Nauvoo. It also helped to send Elders Orson Hyde, Parley P. Pratt and John Taylor on missions to Great Britain. It is recorded that the paymaster was amazed that every man mustered into the battalion could sign his name on the payroll.

The march was from Fort Leavenworth to the Kansas River and

across to the Arkansas. This stream they followed about 100 miles. They then journeyed southwest to the Cimarron River and past the present junction of Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma and from there they pushed on to the Spanish town of Santa Fe. From Santa Fe their travels were along the course of the Rio Grande to Albuquerque and on toward the city of El Paso. They turned west and passed through Tucson, crossed the Gila and Colorado Rivers and arrived at the Catholic Mission at San Diego, January 29, 1847.

Most difficult part of the march was from Santa Fe. The men were in poor condition and the few oxen they had were skin and bones. A short way out of Santa Fe they were obliged to eat the oxen. Even the hides were made into soup. They crossed deserts, rivers, valleys and mountains. They were without adequate clothing and they had no money. The quartermaster had no supplies and no credit. Colonel Cooke, their commander, recorded in his report that

"everything conspired to discourage the extraordinary undertaking of marching this battalion upward of 2,000 miles from Fort Leavenworth to the Pacific Ocean."

It is not likely that this historic march will ever be forgotten and the Sons of the Mormon Pioneers of Utah and California, with their treks, markers and monuments, give assurance that it will always be remembered, as Colonel Cooke wrote in his report upon his arrival in San Diego:

"History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry!"

TEXT FOR TODAY: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding; For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof, than fine gold." —Proverbs 3:13-14.

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The Legend Of Porter Rockwell . . . A Book Review

Frontier Fighter Defends Church In Own Way

Orrin Porter Rockwell: Man of God, Son of Thunder. By Harold Schindler. University of Utah Press, 1966. Pp. 399.

By Dr. Gustive O. Larson
Professor of Religion and History
at Brigham Young University

(By permission of author and
'Dialogue')

THE HISTORY of Mormonism and of early Utah as the two merge after 1847 has customarily featured ecclesiastical and political leaders, leaving others who played significant roles on the fighting front of westward expansion to lurk in historical shadows. Among many such neglected men were Stephen Markham, Howard Egan, Ephraim Hanks, and Orrin Porter Rockwell.

Of the latter much has been written but, like the vines that cover the sturdy tree, legend has entwined itself so intricately in Rockwell literature as to create a challenging enigma. This challenge has been accepted by Harold Schindler in his book, *Orrin Porter Rockwell: Man of God, Son of Thunder*. The result has been to bring the rugged gunman more definitely into view but with much of the legendary still clinging to him.

An impressive bibliography reflects thorough research on the part of the author, and absence of discrimination between Mormon and Gentile sources indicates a conscientious effort to be objective. Yet the reader raises an intellectual eyebrow when confronted with an over-abundance of irresponsible "testimony" and sensationalism represented by such names as William Daniels, Bill Hickman, Joseph H. Jackson, Swartzell, Achilles, Beadle, and more recently, Kelly and Birney's *Holy Murder*. The foregoing title and others like "Brigham's Destroying Angel," "Crimes and Mysteries of Mormonism," and "Danite Chief" do not spell objectivity, but perhaps do have a place in reflecting the emotional atmosphere in which Rockwell moved. The author ex-

plains it this way: "Whenever possible, I have used primary sources; in some instances it was necessary to consult works considered anti-Mormon. Since an account of Rockwell's life must be the history of a myth, a folk legend, not less than the history of a man, the possible bias of an authority is in a sense immaterial for such a book as this." The reader



needs to keep this in mind as he runs repeatedly into old charges and accusations to which he feels time has given appropriate burial. He must also keep in mind that the author's use of "resurrected" scandal does not necessarily indicate his acception or rejection of it. On occasion he specifically rejects its validity (pp. 198n., 298).

Questionable Material

Nevertheless, after acknowledging the validity of indulging in the use of questionable source material, one is inclined to ask why the author would, for example, prefer a William Daniel's account of Joseph Smith's martyrdom with its dramatic embellishments, to any of several other eye-witness accounts including those of John Taylor and Willard Richards. Anti-Mormon testimony is given free rein in relation to the shooting of Governor Boggs, especially in an effort to link Joseph Smith with it through the death "prophecies" which Rockwell tried to fulfill. Evidence of these predictions of Boogs' early and violent demise unraveled into loose ends as the whole affair becomes unfinished business. After an accumulation of anti-Mormon charges convinces one of Rockwell's guilt, a contrary court decision such as that of

Judge Pope (p. 88) throws the whole question back to where it has been for over a century — a state of uncertainty in which each reader decides the case for himself according to his personal prejudices.

The author has organized the materials of his extensive bibliography into a very readable book. However, as he weaves the narrative to serve as a vehicle through which to present the rugged frontiersman, he sometimes dwells to such length upon certain phases of the story that the reader wonders what became of Porter and grows impatient for his return. The lengthy rehearsal of the Missouri phase of Mormon history is supposedly calculated to account for the development of Rockwell's attitudes and frame of mind, which, in fact, it does accomplish. However, there seems to be less justification for relating the entire Walker War episode of late summer, 1853, even with side issues like the Brigham Young-Jim Bridger rivalry and the Gunnison Massacre, before Rockwell finally becomes identified with it in the peace negotiations the following spring.

Was He First In Valley?

There is also a tendency to bring the frontier scout into the picture with questionable justification by speculating where "he might have been." A case in point is where the author gives Porter priority by inference when the Mormons first entered Salt Lake Valley: "It is likely . . . in his capacity as scout [Rockwell] was the first member of the pioneer group to penetrate the New Zion" (p. 171). It is recorded that he did serve as messenger between Brigham Young and the advance company, but if he preceded Orson Pratt and Erastus Snow into the valley, the records are strangely silent about it. Again, referring to a Mormon opportunity afforded by the failure of McGraw and Hockaday to satisfy their government mail contract, Mr. Schindler states, without reference, that

(See ROCKWOOD, Page 17)



Southern California SUP Chapter officers elected on March 10 at Los Angeles: Left to right—Joseph G. Gibby, art director and photographer; Frank W. Otterstrom, 3rd vice president and historian,

Louis T. Smithson, Advisory Board; Lee A. Backstead, 1st vice president; Gleason G. Dearden, 4th vice president, chaplain; Irving Llewellyn Pratt, president. Burton M. Oliver, treasurer; Roberts W. Hatch, 2nd vice president. Absent past president.

Wed 70 Years, Biggs Couple Still In Love

After 70 years of married life, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Biggs of Draper are still "very much in love and need each other."

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Mr. Biggs, 91, was born Nov. 15, 1875 in Franklin, Ida. to John and Jane Wright Biggs, the third of 12 children. Mrs. Minerva Olive Allen Biggs was born in Cove, Utah to Andrew Lee and Minerva Whittle Biggs, the fourth of 11 children. Both are pioneer Utah families.

The Biggs were married Feb. 11, 1897 in the Logan Temple. Both have been active in the Church all their lives, serving in practically all the offices and positions assigned to active Church members over the many years.

EDWARD PERKINS PRIME PUSHER IN L. A. CHAPTER

A real VIP is missing from the accompanying photo of the newly-elected officers of the Los Angeles Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Our California cohorts



will take one glimpse of this lineup of handsome, dignified gentry and say, "but where is Edward B. Perkins?"

That's a very good question. The answer: He was out of

Ed Perkins town when the picture was taken. Maybe they should have waited until Ed got back. He is the past president, a sincerely devoted member and perhaps the prime pusher for a lively Southern California Chapter. President Irving L. Pratt says of him: "Edward is a great strength in promoting the activities of the chapter here in California."

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## East Mill Creek SUP Reunion Set For July 21

Sons of the Utah Pioneers from everywhere are invited to attend a gala reunion and mid-summer celebration to be held in the East Mill Creek Park, on Evergreen Avenue at Twenty-third East St., July 21 at 7 p.m.

Special honors will be paid surviving early settlers of the East Mill Creek area, particularly Samuel Neff, 96-year-old pioneer historian. Bishops of East Mill Creek ward, from which more than 25 wards have developed, dating back to 1853, will be given recognition.

Following a dinner, an observance program will be presented. LaMar Gardner, president of the East Mill Creek Chapter, SUP is chairman with Ken Wiseman and Frank Bailey as committee members. Mr. Gardner will take reservations by phone, 278-4665.



*Officers of the Dixie Mission Chapter, SUP are shown herewith: Front row—W. B. Bradshaw, chaplain; Vernon Worthen, program chairman. Back row—George H. Seegmiller, 1st vice president; Archie D. Wallis, secretary-treasurer; Leslie Burgess, refreshments; William Brooks, membership. Arthur K. Hafen, historian. Inserts—left; Lenzi Sullivan, second vice president; Right—Glen E. Snow, president. The chapter meets the second Monday of each month.*

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## ROCKWOOD

(Continued from Page 14)

Brigham Young "called in Rockwell to discuss it, for few Mormons knew the plains better." (p. 28).

Mr. Schindler's work, *Orrin Porter Rockwell: Man of God, Son of Thunder* is an enjoyable and informative book. As the subject emerges from the legendary towards reality in the hands of the author the reader is introduced to a facet of history usually skirted in objective writing. The author neither indicts nor clears Rockwell of the dark deeds laid to his charge by the enemies of the Church who insisted that he belonged, or perhaps even headed, an avenging Danite group. That such a group existed in Utah, as it did in reality in Missouri, is in no sense established. But some light is shed on the bitter Mormon-Gentile fringe of Utah history in which the press seemed most willing to participate.

### Rift With The President

Making a final comment on Rockwell, the author has chosen to be charitable towards his subject and not emphasize the growing rift between him and Brigham Young. The President's defender, scout, and personal friend became alienated from his chief as liquor claimed him increasingly in his closing years. The book ends typically with divergent press evaluations of the life of the man who defended, in his own way, what he regarded as the Kingdom of God on earth.

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## What's in a Name?

## Picturesque Places Out West

By T. M. Woolley

Garrison is in Millard County and is a small ranch hamlet in southern Snake Valley. It is about one mile east of the Nevada line. The community is on Snake Creek and was first known by that name.



T. Mack Woolley

It was a station on an old road from Salt Marsh in the north end of the valley via Milford to Pioche, Nevada. A Mrs. Garrison was the village school teacher and post mistress for some time and the town adopted her name.

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Glen Canyon of the Colorado River extends down stream from the mouth of White Canyon in Utah to the mouth of Pah Reah Canyon in Arizona. The explorer, Major Powell, consolidated two previously named canyons and called in all Glen Canyon as it opened into many glens and coves.

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Glen Canyon Dam is thirteen miles down stream from the Utah Arizona State line. It is a unit of the Upper Colorado River Basin Storage Project. It will back up the Colorado River the thirteen

miles in Arizona and one hundred and seventy-three miles in Utah. It will also extend up the San Juan River seventy-one miles. The functions of this project are to help control the Colorado River and for the generation of electric power.

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Silver Reef is in Washington County and is now one of Utah's most famous ghost towns. In the year 1875 it had a population of approximately 10,000. It is a few miles northwest of Leeds, Utah, and near the southeast base of the Pine Valley Mountains. The geologic formation of the district is reefs of red sandstone. The singular occurrence of silver in sandstone was found here. A vein of silver in sandstone is unique.

The word reef is the name of an upthrust or cliff of rock, and these reefs bore veins of silver. Several silver bearing reefs had been given names of their discoverers, and a name was sought for the whole district. A distinctive name for the west's latest bonanza camp: Silver Reef was proposed and adopted. Exploitation of the reefs depleted them of silver in the early 1880's. Most of the population moved away and now it is a ghost town with only a few people around.

## Un-Rules For Writers

•Rules for newspaper writers, as reprinted from the bulletin of the Minnesota Newspaper Association:

- 1—Don't use no double negatives.
- 2—Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
- 3—Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
- 4—About them sentence fragments.
- 5—When dangling, watch your participles.

6—Verbs has to agree with their subjects.

7—Just between you and I, case is important, too.

8—Don't write run-on sentences, they are hard to read.

9—Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.

10—Try not ever to split infinitives.

11—Its important to use your apostrophe's correctly.

12—Proof your copy to see if you any words out.

13—Correct spelling is esential.

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## Battalion Sets World's Fair Trek

An extensive travel adventure to many points and attractions in the Eastern section of the United States and Canada has been scheduled by the Central Division of the Mormon Battalion, it has been announced by Sheldon R. Brewster, commanding officer. All members of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and their companions are invited to participate.

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Other features of this trek include attending the inspiring Book of Mormon Pageant at Palmyra, visiting Niagara Falls, Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., the Gettysburg Battlefield, Cleveland, Springfield, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver and many historic Church shrines between New York along the Mormon Trail.

Cost of the trip, including practically everything is \$259.50. Sheldon R. Brewster, 180 South Sandrun Road, Salt Lake City, Phone 355,1673, is taking reservations.

## SUP Couple Of The Month

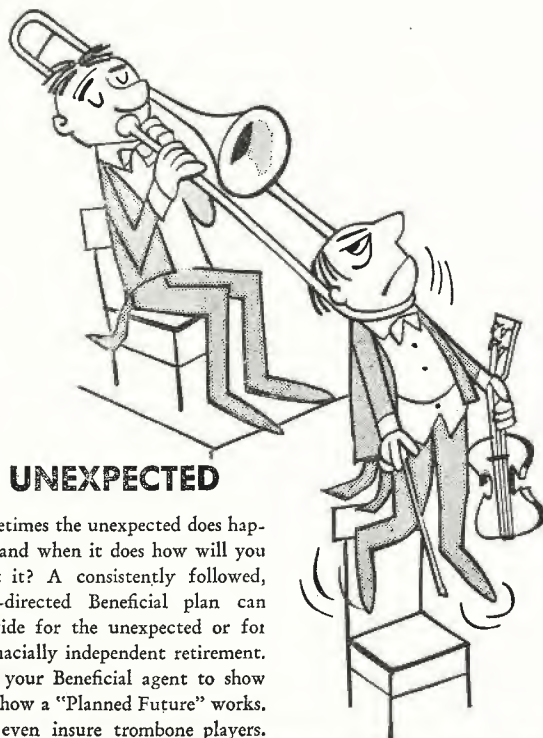


Charles Lamont and Vera Hardy Felt

FOR SUP COUPLE of the month, "The Pioneer" nominates: Charles Lamont and Vera Hardy Felt of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter. And with hearty congratulations on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary! It isn't often that an SUP chapter can have as its leader a wise and venerable chieftain such as Lamont, inspired by such a devoted and helpful companion.

Charles Lamont Felt married Vera Hardy in the Salt Lake Temple Feb. 21, 1917. To them have been born four children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In order of their birth their children are: Merle Louise F. Blank of Maumee, Ohio, Charles Hardy Felt of Salt Lake City, Judith F. Pelton of Northridge, California and Thomas Lamont Felt of Salt Lake City. Both sons are associated with their father in the operation of Felt Electric Co. which he founded in 1921.

The gala occasion was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1967 at Memorial House in Memory Grove, City Creek Canyon.



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**BOX ELDER CHAPTER LEADERS**—Directing the affairs of the Box Elder Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers this year are: left to right—Lewist Wight, president and Eugene Wright, director. Standing, James H. Miller, secretary; Newell Larsen, first vice president, and H. Melvin Rollins, second vice president. Director Orson Christensen was absent.

### Provo's 118th Anniversary

## SUP Honors Mrs. Jones, Pioneer and Centenarian

PROVO—Sponsored annually by the Sons and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Provo, this community on March 13 celebrated its 118th anniversary. The observance was given extraordinary impetus with honors paid to Mrs. Martha Jones, who was 100 years old on April 6. She is the last surviving Utah pioneer residing in Provo.

A noon luncheon was attended by many city and county dignitaries at which Mrs. Jones was paid honors, along with the late Mrs. Emma MacKenzie, who was caretaker at the Provo museum for 30 years.

J. Rulon Morgan, general chairman, spoke of the many accomplishments of Mrs. Jones throughout her life, mentioning that she attended school under the revered Karl K. Maeser, first faculty mem-

ber and principal of the old Brigham Young Academy. He noted that Mrs. Jones had been a Sunday School teacher for 65 years and was the first caretaker at the museum, after she helped to organize it.

County Commissioner Floyd Harmer congratulated Mrs. Jones on her remarkable longevity and many splendid accomplishments. He expressed appreciation for the commission to the SUP and the DUP for sponsoring the annual birthday observance. Mayor Verl G. Dixon recalled living in the same LDS Ward as Mrs. Jones when he was a boy and said: "We do not know much about what the pioneers had to go through, but Mrs. Jones does. Our congratulations to her and our good wishes for her continued good health."

The program also included the

## Box Elder SUP Names Officers

BRIGHAM CITY — Several new officers and directors have been named to lead the Box Elder chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, during the current year.

Lewis Wight was elevated to the presidency at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

Other new officers include Newell Larsen, first vice president; H. Melvin Rollins, second vice president, and James H. Miller, secretary.

Elected at an earlier general meeting to serve on the board of directors were Orson Christensen and Eugene Wright, along with Rollins who was re-elected to the board.

Outgoing officers were Eberhart Zundel, president and Francis Christensen, second vice president.

review of the life of another Provo pioneer — Ira Nathaniel Hinckley, who heard Joseph Smith preach in Nauvoo in 1843, who moved and went through the Mormon persecutions of those days. He became bishop of the Provo First Ward in 1852.



Victor J. Bird  
... new position

Victor J. Bird, Provo, is the new chairman of the General Membership Committee of the SUP. Victor has been a prime pusher in his chapter in all its activities and will give great strength to the national board.



## Mormon Trail Memorial Object Of Bill

The trail of the Mormon Pioneers from Nauvoo to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake may be preserved as a national scenic memorial if legislation recently endorsed by President Johnson is acted upon favorably by Congress.

The Pioneer Trail would be one of 12 historic and scenic trails that would be developed by the Department of the Interior, as national trails.

The National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee has approved the measure following hearings conducted by Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture also testified.

Four major trails would be developed on a nation-wide basis; The Appalachian Trail, (Maine to Georgia); The Continental Divide Trail (Mexico to Canada); Pacific Crest Trail (along the West Coast mountain ranges from Mexico to Canada), and the Potomac Heritage Trail (from mouth to source of the Potomac in Pennsylvania and West Virginia).

In addition to the Mormon Trail, the legislation recommends the possible addition of seven others: Chisholm, Lewis & Clark, Natchez, North Country, Appalachian, Oregon, Santa Fe and Long Trail.

Estimated cost of buying land and easements for the first four is \$10 million.

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*The Sugar House Chapter, SUP recently honored Harold Schindler, author of the best seller "Orrin Porter Rockwell: Man of God . . . Son of Thunder," and heard a review of the book. On the picture, rear, left to right: Richard W. Welch, chapter president; Horace A. Sorensen, former national president; Mr. Schindler. Front: James Allen Smythe and Alvin Pack. The Pony Express plaque at top has been placed at "Point Of The Mountain" and the lower plaque at Corinne Railroad Village.*

## Story Contest Chairman Calls For Entries in Annual Contest

One of the prime purposes of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers is to collect and preserve the precious gems of



historic lore to be found in the experiences of our ancestors in the establishment and development of this commonwealth. The president of each chapter is asked to appoint a committee to take

provide the entry blanks.

Applications are to be submitted to James H. Miller, P.O. Box 501, Brigham City, Utah.

The story should not exceed 1500 words and must be a true story or biography of a pioneer, preferably a pioneer ancestor of the contestant. All stories submitted become the property of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. The contest begins Feb. 1, 1967 and ends June 15, 1967. Contestants are classified into two groups, Senior Division, 18 years old or older and Junior Division, 11 to 17 years of age.

Contestants at large are urged to obtain application blanks from and send their stories to the national chairman before the deadline.

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## A Little Salt Lake Chapter Project

# Jesse N. Smith Home At Parowan To Be Restored

By Matson Adams  
President Little S.L. Chapter  
Sons of Utah Pioneers

Jesse N. Smith, pioneer, builder, civic and church leader and first cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith was sent to help establish the Iron Mission. This man located in Parowan, Utah in 1851 with the colonizers who first established this area. He was one of the valiant souls of the pioneer west — legislator, stake president, mission president, two-term foreign missionary, the list of his accomplishments for church and state run on and on.

A polygamist husband of five wives and father of 44 children, he left a posterity which today numbers over 6,000. These descendants are leaders in their respective fields, church and communities.

The home built by Jesse N.

Smith in 1858 still stands and is located approximately 100 yards west of U.S. Highway 91 on 1st South Street in Parowan City. Built of adobe brick, this two-story home is of unusual architecture, having six fireplaces and containing the original bookcase and cabinet woodwork of its builder.

### Plan Renovation

The local chapter, SUP, has determined, not without opposition, to renovate this pioneer landmark and preserve its history and atmosphere for present and future generations. It is planned to furnish the home as nearly as possible as it existed over 100 years ago. Four poster beds, and bedding, old fashioned stoves, cooking utensils and other household equipment used by our pioneers will be placed therein. There is an abundance of old furniture and artifacts lying in the cellars and

attics of our homes in this community just waiting for a suitable and safe display facility.

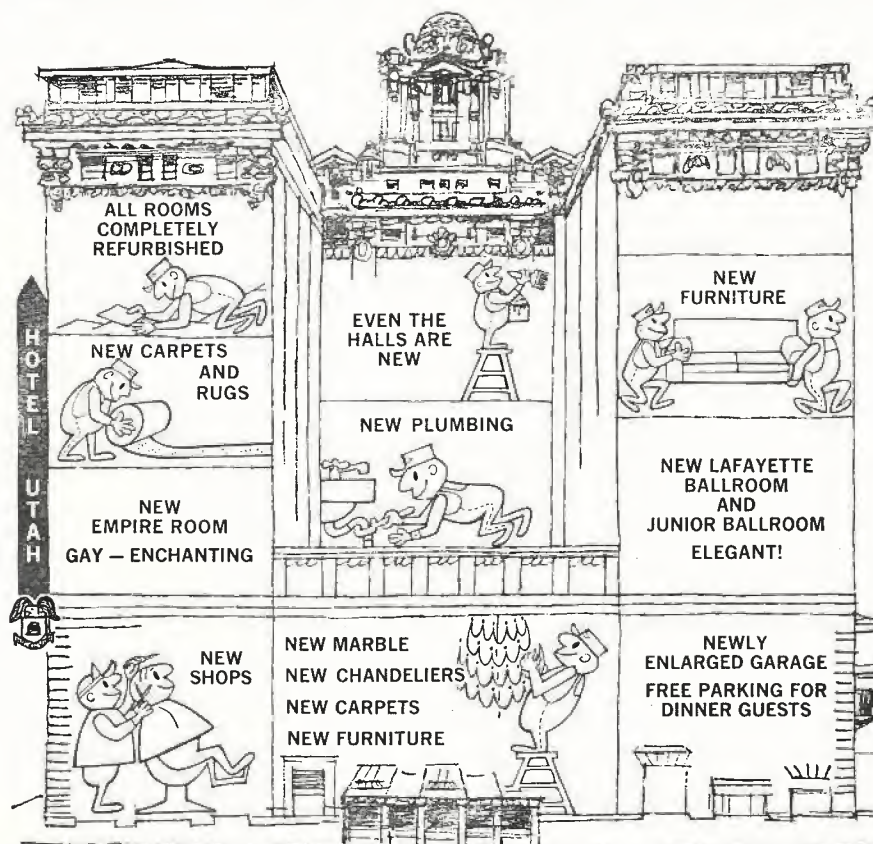
The day of the horse and wagon, of single-tree and double-tree, of neck yolk and buggy, of home-made yeast and barnyard chores has all but passed from today's scene but these were nostalgic times. They recall a way of life where only the hardy could endure. We need the lessons of the past, of frugality, work and industriousness. We cannot teach these to the world unless we practice them ourselves. Our project is dedicated to that end.

### Good to Remember

We do not pretend to live in the past but neither do we intend to forget it, nor the way of life it engendered. We wish to remember those who had so little who made it possible for us to have so much.

After this home is restored, it is planned to develop an information facility on property acquired by the local chapter adjacent to the highway and direct tourists to the old home. A missionary project will be carried on here. Also being contemplated is an outside firepit where evening campfire programs will tell the pioneer story by word, music and song.

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## The Amazing Jim Bridger

# Master Scout Of Mountain West Frontier

By James H. Miller  
Chairman SUP Story Contest

The famed Mountain man, Jim Bridger, was unchallenged even by Kit Carson himself. No one could make Indians and beaver "come" like Jim. No one could tell taller yarns at the rendezvous camp fires than he.

Over the 50 years span of his western travels (1822-1871), Jim Bridger explored more country than any white man of his century.

He roamed the Rocky Mountains from end to end and side to side and back again. He skirted the towering frosty peaks of Grand Tetons and penetrated the grim dark bastion of the Big Horns, which guarded the matchless hunting ground of the Sioux.

He trapped beaver along the crystal mountain streams, camped beside deep, still mountain lakes, until that moment unseen by any save Indian eyes. He shot grizzlies, elk and mule deer on the timbered western slopes of the Continental Divide, killed antelopes and buffaloes on the vast rolling plains.

### His "Bull-Boat"

Another time Jim drifted alone, down Bear River in a "bull-boat," constructed of fresh buffalo hides stretched taut over green willow hoops. Reaching a broad expanse of water that proved salty to his taste, Bridger stripped off his greasy buckskins and plunged in for a cooling swim.

He found to his amazement that he could sit upright in the buoyant brine, without being forced to move his arms and legs to stay afloat. He found Great Salt Lake—though he didn't realize that fact until month later. Paddling around offshore, Jim decided that he had come upon an arm of the Pacific Ocean.

Jim Bridger spent two months in solitary delight enjoying the dream-like wonders of nature at Yellowstone Park.

When Jim came to the Rendezvous that summer to trade beaver for powder and ball and "possibilities," nobody believed the tales he had to tell. He told about the



Jim Bridger

... master scout

immense boiling springs, "fountains" that spurted out of the ground higher than a pine tree, every minute or two; of a mysterious river that somehow flowed in two directions. He was called the biggest liar in camp. He went on to tell about steaming water-

falls 1,000 feet high, and two-headed grizzly bear that chased him.

### Knew the Indians

Bridger knew Indians like no other man of his race. He learned their languages, respected their customs and religions, admired their desperate, hopeless struggle to defend their hunting grounds and sacred mountains, from the steadily encroaching whites. Yet with clear logic, Jim saw that their way of life was doomed. The beaver was also doomed. That knowledge spurred Jim into piling up a healthy stake while he could.

If possible Bridger avoided trouble with the Indians. His luck held out for years. Finally a Blackfoot Indian arrow was shot into his back. He carried the 3-inch iron arrowhead in his body for three years. In 1836, the great man, Marcus Whitney, removed the arrowhead in a difficult and painful operation.

### Masterful Operation

All he had was some trade whiskey, administered to him at the start. A mouth-size piece of hardwood was given him to bite on when the doctor's scalpel dug deeply. The arrowhead was located with the point penetrating a large bone, bent like a fishbone, and encased in cartilage.

Indians watched this operation with amazement and were awed at Jim's bravery.

Actually, the Crows and Shoshones were the only Indians Bridger ever liked and trusted, claiming that they were "durned near white" in everything but color.

When the beaver creeks fizzled out in 1843 Bridger turned trader and built a post on Black Fork of Green River, in what is now southwestern Wyoming. This post is now called Fort Bridger.

## Apologies To 'Utah Historical Quarterly'

The editor of The Pioneer regrets his failure to give proper credit to the Utah State Historical Quarterly for the outstanding article in our last edition by Dr. S. George Ellsworth on "Utah' Fight for Statehood," and hereby offers sincere apologies to The Quarterly and Dr. Ellsworth for the omission.

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## SUP and Battalion Slate California Trek

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will speak. A brief program will follow. Then dancing.

The ladies auxiliary, under the direction of Col. Mary Goodman, also will meet at 4:30.

The central division at their March meeting voted to skip their scheduled April date in favor of attending Mormon Battalion Day.

Estimated cost for the banquet is \$6.00 per couple. Make banquet reservations with S. Richard Keddington, finance officers.

The men are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the dinner, and the ladies their Pioneer dresses.

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### Tragedy Springs

NORMA RICKETTS of Sacramento was in Salt Lake April 7 to address the convention of DUP. She is an active, capable, author, historian and civic worker.

She related her new project of making a Roadside Park at Tragedy Springs, Calif. You will remember this as the site of the ambush massacre of three members of the Battalion as they worked in snow-capped mountains to blaze a return trail to the Salt Lake Valley on June 27, 1848.

The fact that the graves are still marked after a century, she describes as a miracle. They are located in a beautiful part of the mountain area near the Nevada border above the 8000 foot level.

Apparently state, church and civic groups are being organized to commemorate this historical event.

Norma and her husband, Monte, will be remembered as effective organizers and public relations experts during the invitational visit of the bus loads of Utah SUP - Battalion members to Colomo,

Calif. on the occasion of the annual Gold Discovery Day in January, 1966.

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### Battalion Notes

IN MEMORIAM:: We were saddened by the recent passing of Ernest D. Kimball, friend and associate. At the funeral Dorothy and Richard Keddington sang a beautiful duet. Sheldon R. Brewster, Harold H. Jenson and Marvin E. Smith made a uniformed honor guard. Fred E. Curtis dedicated the grave. Elder Spencer W. Kimball was one of the speakers.

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RECUPERATING: We are glad to report that two popular officers of the auxiliary group are well on their way to recovery. Both Leota Peterson and Mary Goodman suffered injuries as the result of separate falls.

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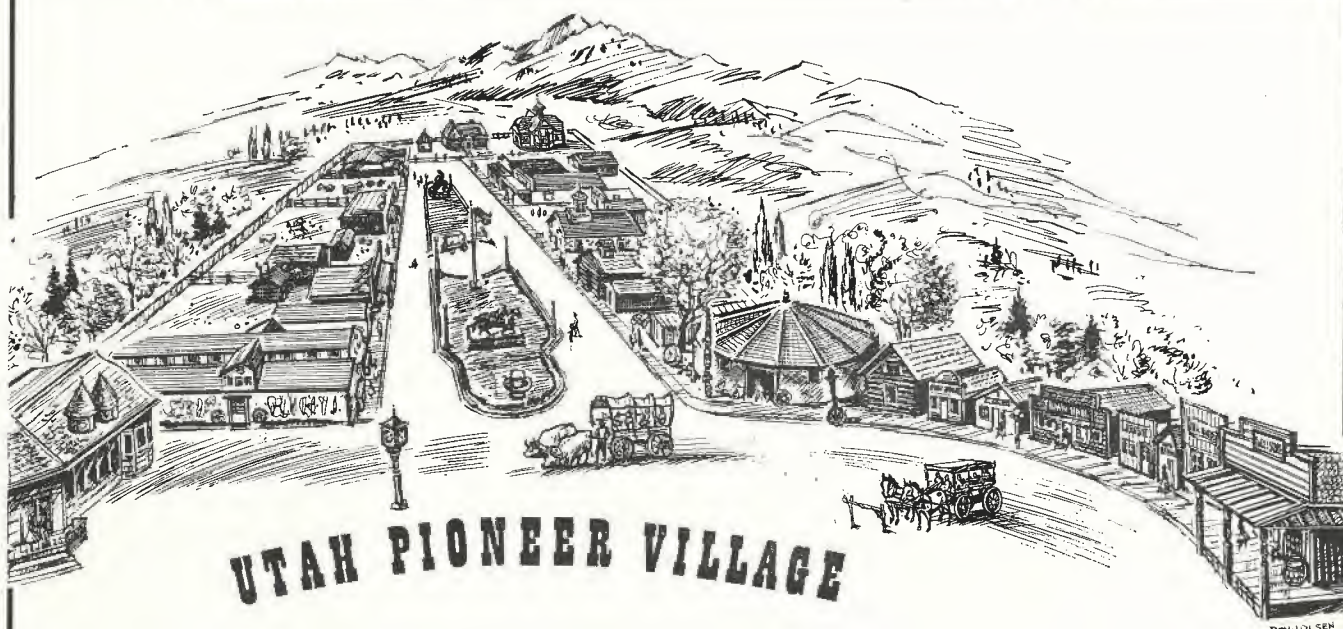


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